(B) UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Deficiency in percentage of Muslims in Gazetted Ranks.

Q.—2. **Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA** (Kolar—Muslim).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that the percentage of Muslims in the gazetted appointments in the State is far below the percentage of Muslims to the total population in the State;

(*b*) if so, the steps they are taking to make up the deficiency?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY** (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Bangalore Municipal Corporation Resolution re: Revision of Food Policy of Government.

Q.—3. **Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA** (Kolar—Muslim).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have perused the resolution passed unanimously by the Bangalore Municipal Corporation at its special meeting on 20th February 1951, urging the Government to revise their food policy that had led to a cut in the ration scales and to the stepping up of issue prices of food-grains in the State;

(*b*) if so, their reaction on the said resolution?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA** (Home Minister).—

(*a*) They are aware of the resolution from the press reports.

(*b*) The cut in rations is temporary and has been imposed under the directions of the Government of India. The circumstances necessitating the increase in prices have been fully explained in the Press Note already issued. (A copy of the Press Note is enclosed below).

With compliments of the
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PRESS NOTE

REVISION OF SCALES OF RATIONS AND THE SALE PRICES OF FOODGRAINS.

The present scale of rations is as noted below:—

	Rice	Wheat	Millets	Total
	(Ozs. per head per day)			
(i) "A" Class ...	5·5	4·0	...	9 5
(ii) "B" Class ...	2 4	3 8	5·8	12 0
(iii) Heavy Manual Labour.	2·4	3·8	8·8	15·0
(iv) Plantation Labour.	5·5	4·0	4·5	12 0
(v) Staple Wheat Eaters.	...	9 5	...	9·5

In view of the anticipated deficit in Food Stocks due to various causes, the Ministry of Food, Government of India, directed that the scale of over-all rations may be reduced to nine ozs., heavy, manual labour alone being allowed an extra four ozs. In view of the fact that the "B" Class cardholders in the State belong mostly to labour class who will not come under the category of the heavy manual labour, the Government of India having regard to the conditions of this class of rationed population in the State, have very kindly consented to allow them, as a special case, an over-all ration of 10 ozs. the ration with regard to the "A" Class cardholders and staple wheat-eaters being limited to the over-all scale of 9 ozs The revised scale of rations that will be allowed, issued with effect from 12th February 1951, is noted below:—

	Rice	Wheat	Millets	Total
	(Ozs. per head per day)			
"A" Class ...	5·5	3·5	...	9·0
"B" Class ...	2·4	1·0	6 6	10·0
Heavy Manual Labour,	2 4	1·0	9·6	13·0
Plantation Labour...	5 5	1·0	2·5	9·0
Staple Wheat Eaters.	...	9 0	...	9·0

(Children below eight years of age will be allowed half the above Scale of rations).

Mysore is the only State in India which has been subsidising the sale of locally procured food-grains in addition to bearing subsidy on the imported foodgrains. The entire subsidy was being borne by the State till October 1948. Thereafter the Government of India were pleased to